

REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 9-12 were allowed. The Examiner indicated that claims 8, 20, 21, 22, 24 and 26 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112 and include the limitation of the base claim and any intervening claims. To expedite prosecution of this application, claim 1 has been amended to add the limitations of claim 21. Claim 1 should now be in condition of allowance. Claim 8 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 6 and 1 from which it depends and therefore is now in condition for allowance. The amendments obviate the prior art rejections over Chait (6,223,070), Hill (1,248,492), Tihon (6,358,229), Whittes (3,680,562), and Bogue (4,270,535).

Claims 1, 2, 4-8 and 20-26 were rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph. Claim 1 has been amended to change "first" lumen to "central" lumen as the Examiner suggests. The rejection is thereby believed overcome.

The foregoing amendments should be entered as they place the application in condition for allowance.


Prompt and favorable reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned should the Examiner believe it would expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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